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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Georgette Castner  
v. :  
: Crim No. 22-370-03 (GC)  
PAUL MIKA : **ORDER FOR A CONTINUANCE**

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Philip R. Sellinger, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Eric A. Boden, Assistant United States Attorney), and defendant Paul Mika (by Timothy R. Anderson, Esq.), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through November 30, 2023, to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to discuss the matter and conduct plea negotiations in an effort to resolve the case before trial; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter commence to trial within 70 days from the filing date (and making public) of the indictment, or from the date the defendant has appeared before a judicial officer of the court in which such charge is pending, whichever date last occurs pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1); and the defendant, through his attorney, having consented to the continuance; and seven prior continuances having been granted on June 9, 2022, July 25, 2022, September 8, 2022, November 8, 2023, January 24, 2023, March 31, 2023,

and May 30, 2023, following the indictment of this matter, and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- (1) The parties anticipate entering into plea negotiations, which would render any trial of this matter unnecessary;
- (2) The failure to grant such a continuance would deny counsel for the defendant or the attorney for the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence;
- (3) The defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance;
- (4) The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources; and
- (5) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023;

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through November 30, 2023; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through November 30, 2023 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

  
HON. GEORGETTE CASTNER  
United States District Judge

Form and entry consented to:

Eric A. Boden

Eric A. Boden  
Assistant United States Attorney



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Timothy R. Anderson, Esq.  
Counsel for Defendant Paul Mika